

ND EMS Update – COVID-19 03/26/2020

- Notice: Per Executive Order, WSI will take claims for ND responder medical related COVID-19 claims.
- Access and storage of PPE in responding ambulances/vehicles:
 - Recommendation: a dedicated closeable area or shelf for PPE supplies so they do not get wet or contaminated.
- **Reminder: *Attached EMS Transport Considerations-COVID-19 (coronavirus)***
- The Division of Emergency Medical Systems is in the process of calling all ambulance services and quick response units. If you, as an agency do not hear from us, please reach out to us. We are interested in how you are doing and what support we can provide.
- Remember: Practice good hand hygiene, don't touch your face, implement social distancing at work as well as when NOT at work, stay home if you're sick.

Breaking News:

- **COVID-19 and HIPAA: Disclosures to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders and public health authorities**
 - See attached document.

** We must continue to be extremely careful that we do not aid in the transfer of COVID-19 virus to the at-risk populations as well as our own families.**